**PATENT** 

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In RE application of S. TSUNODA et al

Group Art Unit:

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Serial No.: 10/673,459

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS OF MAKING THE DEVICES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Filed: September 30, 2003

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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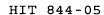
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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 26, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.